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January 28, 2019

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 787X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Bronx County, NY**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find The New York State Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation's comments finding that there are "no historic properties that will be affected by this undertaking." Also enclosed please find the comments of the United States Department of Agriculture finding "no effect on prime agricultural land."

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

Enclosures



Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

ROSE HARVEY
Commissioner

December 17, 2018

Mr. Gene Payne
Manager Joint Facilities
CSX Transportation, Inc.
500 Water Street J-315
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Re: STB
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 787X) CSX Transportation, Inc.--Abandonment
Exemption--in Bronx County, NY
Borough of the Bronx, Bronx County, NY
18PR07766
AB-55 (Sub-No. 787X)

Dear Mr. Payne:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. These comments are those of the SHPO and relate only to Historic/Cultural resources. They do not include potential environmental impacts to New York State Parkland that may be involved in or near your project. Such impacts must be considered as part of the environmental review of the project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and/or the State Environmental Quality Review Act (New York Environmental Conservation Law Article 8).

Based upon this review, the New York SHPO has determined that no historic properties will be affected by this undertaking.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Lynch, P.E., AIA
Director, Division for Historic Preservation

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January 14, 2019

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Exemption in Bronx Co. NY

NRCS FPPA review

Mr. Payne,

I have received the materials with the information requesting a statement of effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land for the abandonment of the 1.8 mile rail line on its Port Morris Branch between mileposts QVP 0.0 and milepost QVP 1.8. After reviewing the documentation, it is clear that the project has no effect on prime agricultural land. The soils in the extent of the site are rated not prime or statewide significant.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Duncan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Kathryn Duncan
GIS Specialist